

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121, a marked up version of the replacement paragraphs to show all the changes is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

In the Claims

Kindly replace Claims 1 and 15 with the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A wheel and overlay assembly, comprising:

a wheel having an outboard surface thereon, said wheel further having a disk portion and a rim portion circumscribing said disk portion, said rim portion having a rim flange circumscribing said rim portion, said rim flange terminating in a flange lip defining a radially outermost edge thereon; and

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an overlay having an outboard surface thereon, said overlay being attached to said outboard surface of said wheel, said overlay further having a web portion, and a peripheral flange circumscribing said web portion and terminating in a peripheral lip, said peripheral lip having a radially outermost edge aligned within a predetermined margin of said radially outermost edge of said flange lip of said wheel such that said peripheral lip of said overlay cannot extend radially beyond said outermost edge of said flange lip of said wheel regardless of tolerance variations of said overlay and said wheel;

whereby said overlay gives a visible impression that said outboard surface of said overlay is actually said outboard surface of said wheel and not a separately attached component of said wheel and overlay assembly.

15. (Thrice Amended) A wheel and overlay assembly, comprising:

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a wheel having an outboard surface thereon, said wheel further having a disk portion and a rim portion circumscribing said disk portion, said rim portion having a rim flange circumscribing said rim portion, said rim flange terminating in a flange lip defining a radially outermost edge thereon, said radially outermost edge defining an outer diameter, said flange lip having an outboard surface portion; and

an overlay having an outboard surface thereon, said overlay being attached to said outboard surface of said wheel, said overlay further having a web portion and a peripheral flange circumscribing said web portion and terminating in a peripheral lip, said peripheral lip having an inboard surface portion located net against said outboard surface portion of said flange lip, said peripheral lip having a radially outermost edge defining a diameter, said diameter of said overlay being within a predetermined margin less than said outer diameter of said wheel such that said peripheral lip of said overlay cannot extend radially beyond said outermost edge of said flange lip of said wheel regardless of tolerance variations of said overlay and said wheel;

whereby said overlay gives a visible impression that said outboard surface of said overlay is actually said outboard surface of said wheel and not a separately attached component of said wheel and overlay assembly.

Remarks

The Office Action of May 10, 2002, Paper No. 14, was carefully reviewed and to highlight the distinctions of the above-referenced invention over the prior art of record as interpreted by the Examiner the specification was amended as set forth herein. The specification